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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JUNE 8, 1998

APPLICATION OF

BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC980074

To implement extended local
service from its Richmond
exchange to the Providence
Forge exchange

ORDER PRESCRIBING NOTICE

On May 12, 1998, Bell Atlantic-Virginia, Inc. ("BA-VA") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to the provisions of § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia. BA-VA proposed to notify its Richmond exchange subscribers of the increases in monthly rates that would be necessary to extend their local service to include the Providence Forge exchange. The application states that telephone subscribers in the Providence Forge exchange petitioned the Commission for local calling to Richmond. Using a cost study prepared by BA-VA, the Commission determined the increase in monthly rates for expanded local service from Richmond to the Providence Forge exchange. The subscribers in the Providence Forge exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for local calling to Richmond. The majority of those responding supported the proposal.

Cost studies have been conducted to determine the monthly rates for expanded local service from Richmond to the Providence Forge exchange. Because the resulting increase does not exceed 5% of the existing monthly one-party residential flat rate service for Richmond, a poll of these subscribers is not required by § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW, having considered BA-VA's application, BA-VA's proposed public notice, and applicable law, the Commission is of the opinion that this matter should be docketed; that BA-VA should give notice of this application to its customers in the Richmond exchange; and those subscribers should be permitted to file comments and requests for hearing on this application. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- (1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC980074.
- (2) On or before August 14, 1998, BA-VA customers who may be affected by this proposal may file with the Clerk of the Commission written comments or requests for hearing about this application. Any corporation shall be represented by counsel in accordance with Rule 4:8 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of any comment or request for hearing on or before that deadline. Individuals may file single copies. All comments and requests for hearing shall be filed with William J. Bridge,

Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218; and shall refer to Case No. PUC980074.

(3) A copy of this order and the applications shall be made available for public inspection at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, from 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(4) On or before July 15, 1998, BA-VA shall publish the following notice in the Richmond exchange twice as display advertising (not classified advertising) in newspapers of general circulation in that exchange:

NOTICE THAT BELL ATLANTIC-VIRGINIA, INC.
PROPOSES TO EXPAND THE LOCAL SERVICE
AREA OF THE RICHMOND EXCHANGE TO
INCLUDE THE PROVIDENCE FORGE EXCHANGE
CASE. NO. PUC980074

Telephone subscribers in Bell Atlantic-Virginia's ("BA-VA") Providence Forge exchange petitioned the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for local calling to the Richmond exchange. Subscribers in the Providence Forge exchange were polled regarding their willingness to pay an increase in monthly rates for local calling to the Richmond exchange. The majority of those customers responding in the Providence Forge exchange support this expansion of local service.

Based on BA-VA's cost, the Commission determined the monthly rates for expanded local service for Richmond customers to call the Providence Forge exchange (telephone

numbers beginning with 804-932 and 966). For expanded local calling to Providence Forge from Richmond, monthly rates would increase as follows: flat rate residential service, \$0.04; residential message rate service, \$0.03; residential measured rate service, \$0.00; residential economy message service, \$0.02; residential economy measured service, \$0.00; residential exchange only service, \$0.00; business flat rate service, \$0.16; business message rate lines or trunks, \$0.04; business measured rate lines or trunks, \$0.00 and flat rate PBX trunks, \$0.25.

Customers whose rates are not listed above or who desire more information on this proposed change should contact BA-VA's customer service center. Residential customers should call 954-6222; businesses should call 954-6888. Copies of BA-VA's application may be reviewed at the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Customers wishing to comment on the proposed change to their local calling area or to request a hearing on the application may do so by filing such requests or comments in writing, referring to Case No. PUC980074, with the Clerk of the commission, William J. Bridge, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, on or before August 14, 1998.

If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of five percent (5%) or 150 of the Richmond customers, it may consider BA-VA's application without a hearing.

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(5) On or before August 14, 1998, BA-VA shall provide proof of the notice required above.

(6) If the Commission receives objections or requests for hearing from the lesser of five percent (5%) or 150 of the Richmond exchange customers, it may consider BA-VA's application without a hearing.

(7) On or before September 4, 1998, the Division of Communications shall file a report with the Commission on any comments received.